

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant Major Bryan J. DeBaere's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Major DeBaere has devoted more than 32 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a soldier and a leader, including service in Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm and Kuwait/Iraq for Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant Major DeBaere continues to give of himself; and,

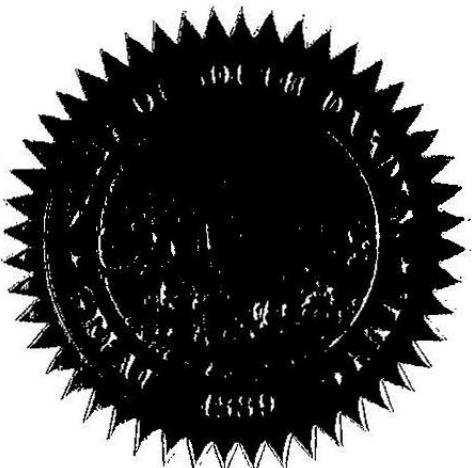
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant Major Bryan J. DeBaere for more than 32 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 7, 2010, as

SERGEANT MAJOR BRYAN J. DEBAERE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State